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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 38 and 40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 39 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CI/CC)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 38 and 40 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. **Claims 38 and 40** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lovinggood et al. (US 6,615,021).

Regarding **claim 38 and 40**, Lovinggood teaches a method for setting total reverse link gain between a repeater and a base station (column 3, lines 32 – column 4, lines 65 and Fig. 2). Lovinggood teaches that a processor (Fig. 2) configured to determine an operating point (determining the area of interest) for the repeater (Fig. 2) (column 1, lines 13 – 63 and Fig. 2). Lovinggood teaches that a transceiver circuitry (20, 47) within a coverage area (within coverage area of the repeater in Fig. 1) of the repeater coupled to the processor and configured to establish a reverse communication link to the base station (Fig. 1, 2 and column 2, lines 36 – column 3, lines 52). Lovinggood teaches that a summing unit (36) coupled to the processor (processor (Fig. 2) coupled to combiner) and

configured to repeatedly sum reverse link gain values (combiner sum reverse link gain values) and corresponding transmit power (combining transmit output power) of the transceiver device to obtain sum values (obtaining output values) (Fig. 2, 3 and column 3, lines 32 – column 4, lines 65). Lovinggood teaches that the processor adjusts the reverse link gain (adjusting reverse link gain within the repeater (processor)) by an amount based on the sum values (output gain value and power values) and the operating point to set (point of interest area) the total reverse link gain (Fig. 2, 3, column 3, lines 32 – 51, and column 4, lines 44 – column 5, lines 20).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. The claims 1-37 are allowable over the prior art of record because none of the prior art of record teaches the combined claimed elements as set forth in the claims 1-37.

None of the prior art of record teaches or fairly suggests that for setting total reverse link gain between a repeater and a base station comprises determining operating point for repeater, determining if an increase in a reverse link gain is substantially equal to an increase in a noise figure of the base station, based on a transmit power of the transceiver device, and adjusting the reverse link gain by an amount based on the operating point and based on a difference in reverse link gain values, if the increase in the reverse link gain is substantially equal to the increase in the noise figure of the base station, to set the total reverse link gain, and together with combination of other claimed elements as set forth in the independent claims 1, 16, and 27. Therefore, the claims 1-37 are allowable over the prior art of records.

5. Claim 39 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art of record fails to disclose the limitation “summing a reverse link gain value and corresponding transmit power value of the receiver device to obtain a first sum value, and increasing the reverse link gain value and re-summing the reverse link gain value and corresponding transmit power value to obtain a second sum value until a difference in the first and second sum values is obtained, and wherein adjusting the reverse link gain comprises adjusting the reverse link gain by an amount based on the difference and the operating point” as specified the claim.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Brooks (US 7,058,400) discloses Forward and Reverse Link Channels Dynamic Processing Gain.

Chheda et al. (US 6,515,975) discloses Fast Forward Power Control During Soft Handoff.

Dean (US 2003/0123401) discloses Reverse Link Power Controlled Repeater.

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